



Update on COVID-19's Impact on RI K-12 Education and Planning for Next Year

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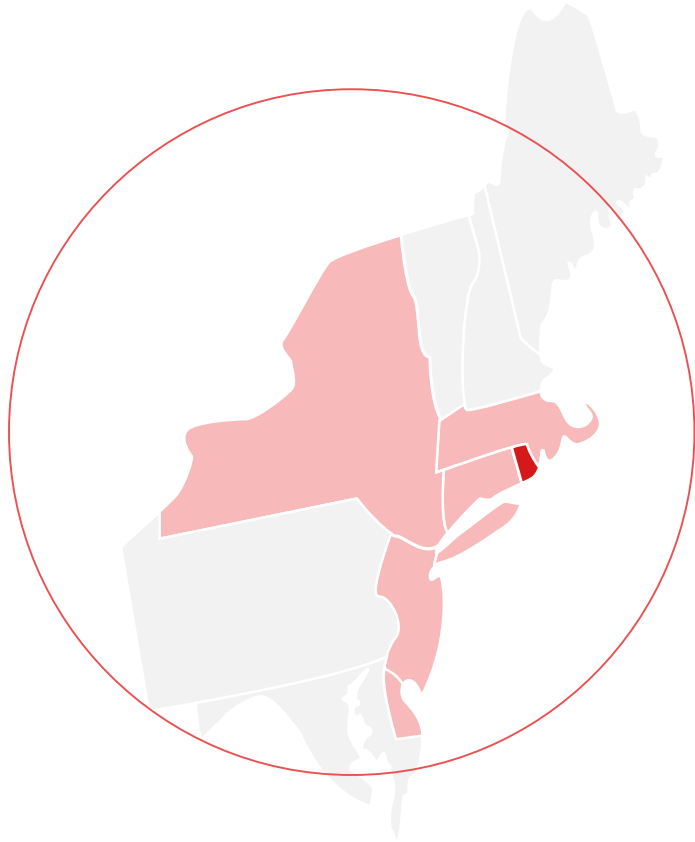


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The Path Towards Reimagining RI Education

Throughout and beyond the COVID-19 crisis, Rhode Island must continue its journey to reimagine education within the state. Our success will be anchored in the **resilience**, **agility**, and **innovation** of our education system and students.



Immediate Response

RI immediately addressed the real challenges of COVID-19 to students, educators, and the community, while ensuring **continuity of learning** for students through the **school year** and **summer**



Reopening Schools

RIDE will collaborate and support school systems to **plan a safe reopening of schools** for the 2020-21 school year, and consistently **evaluate** those plans against updated health guidance and best practices



Reimagining Education

Reimagine what's possible with k-12 education in the long-term, consistently holding **high-expectations** and delivering on a vision that provides our students with a **world-class education**, in spite of this crisis



Resilience. Agility. Innovation

“What this has said to me, this pandemic, is that we’re actually capable of doing much more. For the first time, with distance learning, we are actually leading.”

– Commissioner Infante-Green



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RI's K-12 Immediate Response: Distance Learning

COVID-19 did not stop education in Rhode Island. Rather, it unleashed RI's resiliency to be a bold and innovative leader in distance learning. Key highlights from RI's launch of distance learning include:

Launched Statewide Distance Learning

100% of RI school systems created and implemented distance learning plans in one week, with RIDE support

Engaged, Active Student Learning

Daily average student attendance rates greater than 90%

Scaled Technology Access

By raising \$400k through a Technology Challenge and providing federal funding flexibility for districts to purchase technology

Unified Statewide Calendars

All students, educators, and families operating on one shared calendar with PD days and days off

Provided Professional Development

Over 3,000 participants in RIDE-sponsored professional development

Continued Community Engagement

Ongoing RIDE virtual engagement with students, educators, and the community



RI's K-12 Immediate Response: Distance Learning

For Success In Schools Post-Coronavirus, Education Must Transcend Location

If you're lucky, your students go to school in Colorado, Florida, or Rhode Island, where governors expect students to be taught remotely

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/jeanneallen/2020/05/05/for-success-in-schools-post-coronavirus-education-must-transcend-location/#3a958c032b00>



RI's K-12 Immediate Response: Summer Learning

Rhode Island will provide a robust menu of summer learning opportunities for students statewide, including face-to-face and distance learning programs.

Advancing Academic Achievement

Opportunities that aim to mitigate the learning loss and the transition to distance learning

Enrichment and Exploration

Promote the arts, project-based learning, and other strategies to support social and emotional learning

Physical Fitness

Focus on best practices for physical and mental wellness

Supporting Student Transitions

Support students transitioning from Pre K to K, from ES to MS, from MS to HS and from HS to college or career

Supporting MLL and DA Students

Targeted programming to help prevent additional learning loss for our most traditionally underserved children

Work-Based Learning

Provide students the ability to work and develop critical skills associated with career success



Reopening Rhode Island's Schools

Returning Rhode Island's
education system back to scale
for the 2020-21 School Year



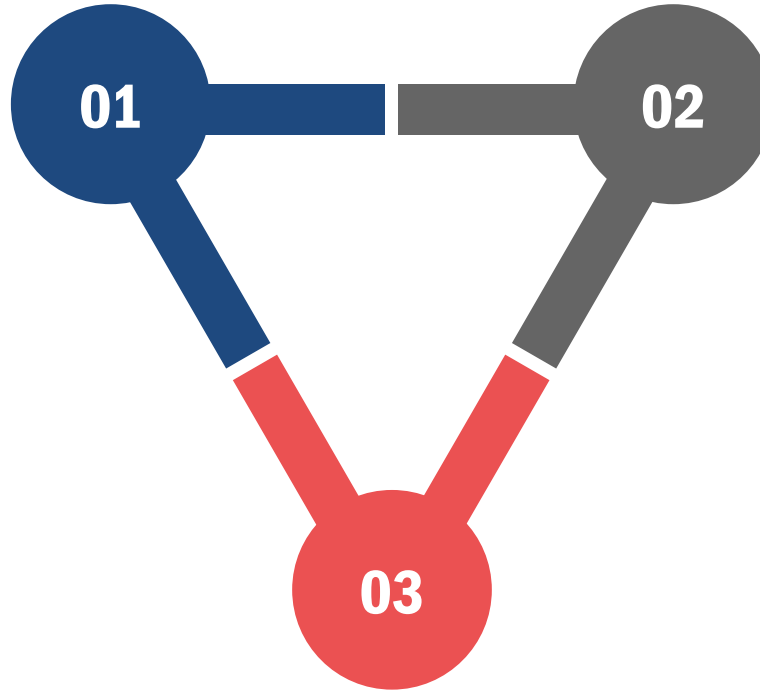
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Reopening RI's Schools: Key Questions

When do schools re-open and for whom?

School calendars
Returning by grade-spans



How do we prepare to re-open schools?

Health & safe school operations
Student academic supports
Plan for COVID-19 resurgence

What tools do we need to put in place to prepare for and monitor re-opening of schools?

Testing and contact tracing
Communications & community engagement
Interim assessment, data, and monitoring systems



Reopening RI's Schools: Guiding Principles

The following key principles, consistent with Commissioner Infante-Green's vision for education in Rhode Island, will continue to guide RIDE's work throughout this crisis.

Engaged Communities



Maintain the **wellness and safety** of Rhode Island's students, educators, and school communities

Excellence in Learning



Support **teaching & learning** that ensures that *all* of Rhode Island students thrive

World Class Talent



Provide **professional learning & support** to educators and staff to help them succeed in this new landscape

Long-term Sustainability



Focus on the **planning & governance** needed for Rhode Island's schools to succeed, both initially and for the long-term



Reopening RI's Schools: Immediate Key Components

As RIDE and school systems begin the hard work of reopening schools, RIDE is immediately focusing on the following key components of a statewide strategy to reopen schools.

01

Unified statewide school calendar for the 2020-21 school year

With monthly updates based on changing health information

02

Reopening framework & plans

Partnering with Opportunity Labs and other organizations to provide health and education guidance and supports

03

Evaluating potential reopening scenarios

For schools to open by grade-spans, based on each school system's capacity and most up to date health information

04

Deploying federal stimulus funding

Providing resources that schools need to respond to the crisis and prepare for reopening, all while prioritizing RI's most vulnerable students

05

Comprehensive Stakeholder Engagement

Weekly meeting with representatives from across RI's K-12 education landscape

06

Ongoing RIDE Support

RIDE will continue the point of contact structure to review and provide feedback on reopening plans



Reopening RI's Schools: Unified 20-21 School Calendar

A unified school calendar will ensure that:

- ✓ **Students and families** have consistency across schools
- ✓ **Educators** have the opportunity to engage in shared professional development opportunities
- ✓ **School systems** can better collaborate and share resources

Rhode Island Schools RIDE 2020/21 School Calendar

August 2020					
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Days
24	25	26	27	28	(1)
31					

September 2020					
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Days
	1	2	3	4	(20)
7	8	9	10	11	
14	15	16	17	18	
PD	22	23	24	25	
28	29	30			

October 2020					
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Days
			1	2	
5	6	7	8	9	
12	13	14	15	16	
PD	22	23	24	25	
26	27	28	29	30	

November 2020					
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Days
	2	3	4	5	6 (16)
9	10	11	12	13	
PD	17	18	19	20	
23	24	25	26	27	
30					

December 2020					
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Days
	1	2	3	4	(17)
7	8	9	10	11	
PD	15	16	17	18	
21	22	23	24	25	
28	29	30	31		

January 2021					
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Days
				1	(1)
4	5	6	7	8	
11	12	13	14	15	
18	19	20	21	22	
25	26	27	28	29	

February 2021					
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Days
	2	3	4	5	(15)
8	9	10	11	12	
15	16	17	18	19	
22	23	24	25	26	
29	30				

March 2021					
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Days
1	2	3	4	5	(23)
8	9	10	11	12	
PD	16	17	18	19	
22	23	24	25	26	
29	30	31			

April 2021					
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Days
			1	2	
5	6	7	8	9	
PD	13	14	15	16	
19	20	21	22	23	
26	27	28	29	30	

May 2021					
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Days
	4	5	6	7	(20)
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June 2021					
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Reopening RI's Schools: Federal Stimulus Funding

Funding Source	Amount	Additional Notes
Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Funds (ESSER)	\$46.3M	Provides Local Education Agencies (LEAs) relief funds to support continued learning for K-12 students, whose education has been disrupted by COVID-19.
Governor's Emergency Education Relief Funds (GEER)	Up to \$8.7M	Provides emergency funds to Local Education Agencies (LEA), Institutions of Higher Education (IHE) or any education-related entity within the State that the Governor deems essential for carrying out emergency educational services to students.
Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Funds	TBD – Competitive Grant	Supports states with the highest corona virus burden in creating adaptable, innovative learning opportunities for students. Total of \$180M.
Education Stabilization Fund – Reimagining Workforce Preparation (ESF-RWP)	TBD – Competitive Grant	Helps create educational opportunities to build capacity to offer short term postsecondary programs that are responsive to individuals that need to rapidly adapt to ever changing workplace and community needs. Total of \$127.5M.



RI's K-12 Immediate Response: Summer Learning

Concern		Goal
Typical summer learning loss is 1-3 months, and it is anticipated to be greater this year given three months of distance learning	➔	Promote academic achievement , particularly for those students who need extra academic support
Summer is a time when students typically gain seasonal employment	➔	Prioritize employment opportunities through summer youth programming , particularly for economically disadvantaged
Re-opening of economy and community mitigation strategies will require more flexible options	➔	Provide programming that meets the needs of students at all ages and their families
Students are disconnected from peers and typical transition programs	➔	Meet social-emotional needs of students that is age appropriate



RI's K-12 Immediate Response: Educator Prep Programs

RIDE worked closely with Educator Preparation Programs (EPPs), providing guidance for and feedback so Rhode Island could still move forward preparing the next generation of educators.

Course Instruction, Clinical Field Experience, & Program Admission



- All RI EPPs submitted COVID-19 Plans outlining modifications to course instruction and clinical experiences that ensure educator candidates are effectively prepared while adapting to these challenging times.
- The vast majority of student teachers continued with clinical educators supporting distance learning.
- Candidates have until Dec 31, 2020 to complete all admission requirements needed for entry into programs.

Educator Certification



- Program completers who have not taken or passed required tests are eligible for a 1-year Temporary Initial cert.
- Candidates have until June 31, 2021 to pass tests needed for full certification.

ETS: *Praxis* Testing



Program completers in need of required licensure exams have two options:

- In-person Praxis testing at Prometric centers with social distancing
- New virtual Praxis at Home option.

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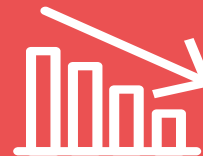
Presumptive case in RI was the result of a school field trip

6%

Of all COVID-19 cases are children ages 0-19

100+

Children in NYC gravely ill with COVID-19 related pediatric multisystem inflammatory syndrome, with this disease showing up across the nation



Based on research projection, nationally at-risk of losing up to 30% of reading gains and 50% of math gains by switching to distance learning

https://www.nwea.org/content/uploads/2020/04/KAP5122-Collaborative-Brief_Covid19-Slide-APR20_FW.pdf

